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Right now, we have an opportunity to avoid economic loss, habitat destruction, and costly efforts to restore a fishery that is currently thriving. As commercial fisherman Robin Samuelsen sagely put it in Fishermen's News:

"...And we've also seen that billions of dollars cannot fully restore fish stocks impacted by inappropriate development. In hindsight, it's obvious too, that efforts to restore habitat are more expensive and less effective than preventing damage in the first place. Thankfully in Alaska's Bristol Bay we have an opportunity to learn from history and take proactive steps to protect the world's last great wild salmon fishery."

Other sportsmen have joined the call to protect what we have now, rather than try to restore it. The Bull Moose Sportsmen met with leaders in Washington, D.C. last week to push a conservation agenda on behalf of anglers and hunters, including stronger safeguarding of clean water and protecting Bristol Bay.

The House Transportation and Infrastructure committee has moved legislation to restrict EPA authority on federal waterways. The EPA has used this authority, under section 404c of the Clean Water Act, only 13 times and must retain this important tool to protect waterways of public interest. HR 2018 is intended to address a problem in West Virginia but has unintended consequences in Bristol Bay, where the EPA's work to evaluate the impacts of hard rock mining is supported by commercial fishermen, sportsmen, tribes and Republican leaders in the state. We will be monitoring movement of the bill, and oppose it due to its unintended consequences for Bristol Bay.

The Save Bristol Bay campaign and outdoor clothier ExOfficio have teamed up for a national contest (enter through June 30) to win a dream fly fishing adventure to Bristol Bay.

Here's a weekly roundup of media. For more information, see www.SaveBristolBay.org

Bull Moose Sportsmen's Group visits DC with agenda pushing for gun rights, public land access
Associated Press
Washington Post, Forbes, Chicago Tribune, Newsday, Huffington Post, Minneapolis Star Tribune, and numerous publications
A fledgling outdoorsmen's group released a broad agenda Wednesday aimed at giving conservation-minded sportsmen's groups a united voice before federal policy makers... [Click here to read more](#)

From the Fleet – Bristol Bay, Alaska: A Chance to Do It Right the First Time

Robin Samuelsen

Fishermen's News

Wherever your home port, commercial fishermen know all too well what happens when the land, water, and habitat supporting a fishery is abused. Far too many have declined due to loss of habitat, oil spills and other environmental calamities. ... [Click here to read more](#)

House Committee Attempts to Gut Clean Water Productions

Lauren Pagel

Earth Blog

Today, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee passed a bill that would shift regulatory powers over water and wetlands from U.S. EPA to the states... [Click here to read more](#)

Win a Dream fishing Trip to Bristol Bay, Alaska

Fly Fishing Forum

Trout Unlimited needs your help to protect Bristol Bay's extraordinary wild salmon and trout fishery from Pebble mine and they've got a great contest that could see you fishing the fabulous waters of Alaska... [Click here to read more](#)

Fly Fishing Lodge of the Year already fully booked

The Bristol Bay Times

Crystal Creek Lodge, an upscale lodge in the Katmai region of Bristol Bay has been selected as the Orvis Endorsed Fly-Fishing Lodge of the Year for 2011, but if you're looking for reservations, better make them for next year... [Click here to read more](#)

Alaskan Artist donates summer series to Pebble Mine cause

Paul Sharman

Fish and Fly

Tim Pearson is a guide and artist based up in Bristol Bay, Alaska which is ground zero for the campaign to protect the region and its famed salmon and trout fishing from the proposed Pebble Mine... [Click here to read more](#)

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